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of you recall, in 1962 for Congress of the Third District against incumbent, Dave Martin. John's philosophy of life has helped me greatly as a mother. He always considered even the most difficult places, difficult situations, as challenges. So when he passed away sixteen years ago, I had one of the biggest challenges placed before me, that of raising my six children as a single parent. I have learned and am learning what it is to daily depend on God's leading and to experience the promise that his strength, his grace is sufficient for my every day. Today at a time when the institution of the home is being threatened, the role of the mother carries more weight, more responsibility, because of her part in shaping the moral fiber and characters of her children who will be our future leaders. I believe America will only be as strong as the home and I would urge you as our leaders here in Nebraska to do all that you can to protect and preserve the home. As I go to New Orleans in May, I will do my utmost to be a good representative of our great State of Nebraska. I want to thank you for this opportunity. I want to thank also the Nebraska Mothers Incorporated for having chosen me. I want to thank Bethesda Care Center for their sponsoring me. And it is just a great honor today and I thank each one of you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to introduce to the Legislature this morning Lupe Hickey of Cozad, Nebraska, Young Mother of the Year 1984. Lupe was born in Mexico City. She moved to Cozad about twenty-five years ago. She became a citizen of the United States in 1976. Lupe and her husband, Jim, have six children. They are also making a home in their home for a nephew. The ages of the children range from 21 months to 11 years. Lupe works part-time in a floral shop. She lists flower arranging as one of her favorite hobbies. She helps her husband who is a cattle processor. She has been very active, a 4-H Leader for the past three years. Lupe also does a lot of creative writing. She also takes a very active role in church activities. She was nominated for this award by the Young Mothers Organization, a support group for mothers. Her